



# Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

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**Evaluation ID:** EC-97

**Effective Date:** March 1, 2017

**Re-evaluation Date:** March 2021

**Product Name:** Minimum 24-gauge Steel FW-120 Wall Panels Installed over Steel Girts

**Manufacturer:** Metal Building Components, Inc. (MBCI), L.P., a division of NCI, L.P.  
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**General Description:**

The FW-120 wall panels are minimum 24-gauge steel panels. The metal wall panels have a maximum 12" of coverage. The metal wall panels are 1-1/2" deep. The metal wall panels are Galvalume steel with a minimum yield strength of 50,000 psi.

**Limitations:**

**Wall Framing:** The metal wall panels must be installed over open steel girts.

**New Wall Framing Attachment:** The wall framing must meet or exceed the wind pressure requirements of the IRC or IBC and must be installed as required for resistance to wind loads.

**Design Wind Pressures:** The design pressure load resistance must be as specified in Table 1.

**Table 1**

Attachment of minimum 24-gauge steel FW-120 wall panels to steel girts

System	Design Wind Pressure	Girts	Attachment of Panel to Steel Girts
1	-43.75 psf	Minimum 16-gauge; 4'-0" on center	Fasteners
2	-151.0 psf	Minimum 16-gauge; 1'-0" on center	Fasteners

**Installation:**

**General:** The metal wall panels must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions and this evaluation report.

**Steel Girts:** The minimum thickness of the steel and the maximum on center spacing of the girts must be as specified in Table 1.

**Attachment of Metal Wall Panels to the Steel Girts:** Secure the panels to the steel girts with #12-14 x 1" HWH self-driller screws, manufactured by SFS. One fastener is required at each girt. The panels are secured together with one 1/4-14 x 7/8" Lap Tek self-driller screw, manufactured by SFS, at each girt. The fasteners must be long enough to ensure a minimum penetration of 3 pitches of thread below the girts.

**Panel Ends and End Laps:** Secure the panels to the steel girts with #12-14 x 1" HWH self-driller screws, manufactured by SFS. One fastener is required at each girt. The panels are secured together with one 1/4-14 x 7/8" Lap Tek self-driller screw, manufactured by SFS, at each girt. The fasteners must be long enough to ensure a minimum penetration of 3 pitches of thread below the girts.

**Trims, Closures, and Accessories:** Components, such as trims, closures, and accessories must be installed as required by the manufacturer.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions available on the job site during installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC, the IBC, and the Texas Revisions.